crore has so far been released as Central Government's full 75 per cent contribution for the year 1990-91 towards State calamity Relief Fund of Rs 47 crores

Edible oils stock

1037 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item under the caption 'Edible Oil Stocks running low' which appeared in 'The Hindustan Times' of the 18th December, 1990;

(b) if so, what is at present stock position of edible oils available in the country and whether Government would be able to continue supplies of oil to Public Distribution System or it is likely to be curtailed; and

(c) what quantity of edible oils was imported during 1989 and upto 30th November, 1990 during the current year, separately and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SARWAR HUSSAIN) (a) Yes, Sir

(b) It is not possible to give the accurate estimates of edible oil stocks in the country i e with trade as well as Government Agencies The allocation of imported edible oils under PDS is made on a month to month basis keeping in view the reasonable demand of the States|UTs, quantum authorised for imports etc The allocation of imported edibfile oils under PDS is meant to supplement the availability of indigenous edible oils in the open market and not to meet the entire demand of the States|UTs.

(c) 3 66 lakh MTs of edible oils was imported during 1989 and 5 64 lakh MTs was imported during 1990 (upto 30th November, 1990). The quantity of edible oils imported largely depends upon the availability of indigenous edible oils and foreign exchange position

Collaboration with foreign companies for the development of I.T.D C.'s Hotels

1038. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether Government have taken any decision to collaborate with some foreign hotel companies for the development of I.T D C 's Hotels, viz, Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit,

(b) whether Government have received several representations against such proposal,

(c) whether technical know-how available in the country is enough to cope with the development programme of hotel industry and the I T D.C. management is failing to tap these resources,

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the measures taken to avoid further drainage of foreign exchange resources on such matters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (SMT USHA SINGH): (a) No, Sir Government have not given their approval to ITDC for collaboration with any Foreign Hotel Company for the development of ITDC's hotels namely Janpath, Lodi and Ranjit.

(b) to (e) Question does not arise in view of reply to (a) above

Lack of basic Amenities at Railway Platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa

1039 SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway platforms in Rajasthan and Orissa where basic amenities like electricity, water etc have not been provided to passengers so far and

(b) the steps Government propose to take or have taken so far in these two States during the current financial year in this regard and the provision made/proposed in the Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA). (a) Platforms at 288 stations in the States of Rajasthan and Orissa do not have electricity and water supply facilities

(b) As regards electrification, out of 194 stations where electricity is not available at present, 130 stations do not qualify for electrification as per norms Work in this regard is in progress at 32 stations and 32 more stations will be electrified during the VIII plan. Further an action plan is already being implemented to remove all deficiencies, as per norms, in respect of other basic passenger amenities, including water supply by the end of 1990-91 A sum of Rs 5 54 crore has been earmarked for passenger amenity works in these two States Adequate provisions will be made during VIII Plan for these two States out of the outlay to be finalised for the VIII Plan

Grievances Cells in Railways

1040 SHRI R T GOPALAN Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state·

(a) the number of complants received by the 'Grievances Cell' set up by his Ministry at all zonal offices durinffig the current year so far, zone-wise,

(b) the number of complaints dealt with so far, zone wise,

(c) the nature of complaints in general, and

(d) whether Government have assessed that such complaints are contributing towards improvements in functioning of the Railways, and if so, in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA)· (a) and (b) A statement showing the number of complaints received & dealt with from 1-1-90 to 30-11-90, zone wise, is attached. (See below)

(c) The complaints generally pertained to reservations & booking, loss of punctuality of trains, unauthorised entry of passengers in reserved coaches, improper behaviours of staff, mal-functioning of electrical equipments in coaches, unsatisfactory catering & vending services etc

(d) These complaints are helping in dentify & rectifying vulnerable areas of working.

Statement

Numbers of Complaints received and dealt with from Ist January, 1990 to 30th November, 1990 zone wise

Zone	No of complaints recd from 1-1-90 to 30-11-90	No of complaints dealt with from 1-1-90 to 30-11-90
Central	3800	3798
Eastern	1644	1644
Northern	5359	5358
N E	1862	1862
N F.	418	392
Southern	1705	1705
S.C.	1540	1540
S.E.	2921	2798
Western	2734	2734
TOTAL	21983	21,831